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Weekly Update

State to receive \$2.4 million for emergency unemployment assistance

June 19, 2008— Governor Mitch Daniels announced last week that Indiana will receive a \$2.4 million National Emergency Grant (NEG) from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide temporary employment for up to 200 workers dislocated by recent severe weather and flooding.

"The past few weeks have shown the caring and pitch-in attitude that Hoosiers bring each other in a time of need, and now we'll have more assistance to help people get back on their feet," said Daniels.

The emergency funds will be used to provide temporary jobs to assist in recovery efforts, including the clean-up, demolition, repair, renovation and reconstruction of destroyed public structures, facilities and lands within affected communities. Funds also will be used for projects that provide food, clothing, shelter and other types of humanitarian assistance, including work on the homes of economically disadvantaged individuals who are eligible for the federally funded energy efficiency program.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) submitted an application for NEG funds on June 10, two days after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared 29 counties eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance Program. The NEG funds will be administered by DWD.

The state can apply for additional funding as more counties become eligible for public assistance.

June 16, 2008 – Governor Daniels spoke with a young Hoosier from Nashville in front of Brown County High School while touring flood damage in the area.



June 16, 2008 – Westphalia residents stopped for a picture with Governor Daniels during his trip to flood-damaged areas in south central Indiana.



June 16, 2008 – Governor Daniels shared a laugh with Duke Energy volunteers at Goodman's Auto in Bicknell. The governor spent the day surveying flood-damaged areas and checking in on local and state relief efforts.



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Governor thanks Homeland Security employees

June 18, 2008— Governor Mitch Daniels thanked employees of the Indiana State Department of Homeland Security (DHS) last week for their response efforts to the state's recent storms. About 200 staff members were in Indianapolis today for a state-wide meeting and the governor stopped by to speak to them.

"This has been a splendid performance. It's what our citizens ought to expect from their state government in times of trouble," said Daniels.

DHS coordinated activities in the state Emergency Operations Center, which was manned 24 hours a day for more than a week, and directed efforts with other state agencies and local emergency management officials to respond to immediate needs.

"I have been very positively impressed by the way, with DHS in the lead, all agencies in state government have acted as one," said Daniels.



June 21, 2008 - Governor Daniels met with local volunteers at the state's Disaster Assistance Center in Franklin.

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Mobile emergency unit to deliver services at Columbus Regional Hospital

INDIANAPOLIS (June 21, 2008) – Governor Mitch Daniels, Congressman Mike Pence and Columbus Regional Hospital Chief Executive Officer Jim Bickel announced last week that the mobile emergency room unit Carolinas MED-1 is on its way to Indiana to provide emergency and other medical services at the Columbus Regional Hospital.

"This is important for Columbus residents. Thanks to Congressman Pence for learning about this possibility and to all who helped bring it here so quickly," said Daniels. The state Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health, and Family and Social Services Administration have worked with Columbus Regional Hospital and officials in North Carolina to bring the unit here and expedite its arrival.

Columbus Regional has been closed since June 7, when flooding forced the evacuation of nearly 160 patients and caused damage to the hospital's basement and first floor. All emergency medical patients in Bartholomew County are currently being transported to hospitals in nearby counties. Hospital officials hope to reopen the emergency department by early August.

The mobile unit, which is based at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, is on its way to Indiana. After arrival and set up, hospital officials anticipate they will begin providing patient care sometime on Monday.

"I am relieved that this temporary emergency room is coming to Columbus. All credit goes to Jim Bickel of the Columbus Regional Hospital and to Governor Mitch Daniels. Their partnership in obtaining this facility for south central Indiana will save lives," said Pence.

The Carolinas MED-1 mobile hospital is housed in two 53-foot tractor-trailers. One is a patient care facility that expands to provide nearly 1,000 square feet of indoor treatment space to deliver life-saving treatments and comprehensive medical-surgical care. It includes six critical care beds, seven general beds and one dental chair. It has level-1 trauma center capabilities, a full pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and ultrasound services and diagnostic capabilities.



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Secure, High-Tech Data Center Coming to Columbus

June 17, 2008- Columbus-based engine research and development firm Analytical Engineering, Inc. (AEI) announced last week it has established a new sister company in Columbus that will create a secure, high-tech data center and 25 new jobs.

Operating under the company name of Data Cave, Inc., the company will invest more than \$7 million to construct a two-story 78,000-square-foot high-security data center adjacent to Analytical Engineering's facility in southern Columbus.

"Creating an environment that attracts new job-creating investment from Hoosier companies and from businesses around the world is essential to Indiana's economic success. Analytical Engineering's decision to start Data Cave and invest in Indiana is an indication that the environment we have created is working," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Data Cave will begin construction of the new reinforced data storage center in July and will begin hiring information technology technicians to maintain the center's servers and network infrastructure later this year.

The new center, which will serve as an off-site secure electronic data storage center for businesses around the globe, will employ high-tech tools such as biometric hand scanner access, redundant fiber optic connectivity, supplemental power protection and a reinforced exterior to protect customers' data from threats ranging from hackers to Mother Nature.

"Data Cave is a natural expansion of many of our core competencies into a growing market," said Caleb Tennis, president of Data Cave. "Locating this facility in Indiana adjacent to our sister company just makes sense. By doing so, we are able to build the infrastructure of the facility at a lower cost than many other locations and have access to our current mix of highly talented professionals. Those competitive advantages, coupled with the training programs and credits provided by the state and local community, will provide us a great pool of resources to grow this new business."



June 16, 2008 - Governor Daniels joined city officials and citizens of New Harmony on a tour of flood damage in the area.



June 16, 2008 – Governor Daniels stopped for a photo with Edwardsport residents during his trip to flood-damaged areas in south central Indiana.

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A Look Ahead...

...This week Governor Daniels will travel to Sellersburg, Kendallville, Columbia City, Michigan City, Charlestown, Borden and Brookville.